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Students juggle marriage, college stress

By John Meyer
Senior Staff Writer

Student Marriage Rule No. 1: Never get married during finals.

Amy Weston broke this rule. The 23-year-old San Jose State University student remembers her May 1996 wedding as being overshadowed by nine stressful days that she describes as "so bad I simply put them out of my head."

Weston, a liberal studies major, tied the knot during finals when she was taking 18 units. She would eventually have to drop a geometry class three months past the drop deadline. She said

it was hard to concentrate on right angles when she was more focused on a straight line — to the altar.

She also had to plan the wedding: give out invitations, reserve a church, get fitted for a wedding dress, order flowers and plan the reception.

In addition, Weston was working 30 hours a week as a babysitter and trying to buy a townhouse.

In other words, life was hell.

Weston, now a graduate student working as a student teacher, laughed in relief when she said, "It was a real wild time."

The nine nightmarish days prepared her for the next year and eight months of her life. Since then, it's been a strug-

gle to balance out time between her marriage, school and work.

Weston isn't the only SJSU student coping with this complex lifestyle of balancing marriage, school and work.

Annalee Werkmeister, a 24-year-old public relations major, manages to work full time in public relations for a semiconductor manufacturer, go to school part time and still preserve her marriage.

Werkmeister said the most difficult part of her life is finding time for her husband. She reserves all day Sunday and a late 9 p.m. dinner on weeknights for him.

But she still feels she neglects the relationship at times.

"When you have a secure relationship, you tend to devote more time to school and work," Werkmeister said. "Sometimes (my husband) feels he takes the back seat to work and school."

Despite having a "very stable" marriage, Werkmeister doesn't recommend it for someone who is busy with work and school.

"Being married and young is hard," she said. "You have to find someone who's supportive and willing to help you achieve your goals."

Since she exchanged vows more than three years ago, Werkmeister has seen four sets of married friends get divorced.

"Most people get married and think

everything is happily ever after; of course, we know that's not the case with the high divorce rates," said Wiggys Sivertsen, director of SJSU Counseling Services.

Sivertsen said a lot of marriages have problems because most people have poor communication skills. She said the inability to communicate might plague a relationship and worsen basic problems such as making time for your spouse and handling finances.

And for a married student who works full-time, there is less time to talk about everything from how your spouse's day went to the burden of paying bills, mak-

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Delta Gamma sets sail down memory lane

By Peggy Flynn
Staff Writer

Half a century of community service will be celebrated Saturday by the Gamma Eta chapter of San Jose State University's Delta Gamma Sorority.

Collegiate and past members will gather at the downtown Hyatt Sainte Claire (where the original charter was signed for a Founder's Day luncheon).

Guest speaker Barbara Sheets, a charter member and alumna who attended SJSU from 1944 to 1949, will be among the featured highlights at the luncheon, as well as a historical slide show. Approximately 200 women are expected to attend.

Sheets, the chapter's second president, remembers the patriotic support chapter sisters provided troops during World War II.

"We volunteered for the Red Cross and participated in USO (United Service Organizations, Inc.) functions," Sheets said. "We would go to the USO huts on Market Street and dance with the soldiers — they really enjoyed it."

Sheets met her husband of 50 years at SJSU after he returned from the war. Becoming one of the first married chapter presidents, Sheets found it challenging to run two households.

"My husband always joked that the sorority came between us," Sheets said.

After the luncheon, past Delta Gamma members will tour the block-long sorority house that was specifically designed and built for the chapter in 1949. The house receives a renovation every summer which usually cost members upward of \$25,000. Members are also financially responsible for the rent, taxes and maintenance of the house. Many members juggle school with one, sometimes two, jobs.

"We are a non-profit organization," alumna and chapter advisor Barbara McAtee said. "The girls learn the business side of the sorority. We have an accounts payable and accounts receivable, and members are reported to collection agencies if they are delinquent in paying their bills."

Active participation in both the community and on campus is a tradition for Delta Gamma. The sorority's annual "Anchor Splash" raises money for Service for Sight, an organization that provides funding to local agencies for the visually impaired. Last year's "Splash" raised over \$3,000. Members also serve in student government and volunteer in Project Crackdown — a local neighborhood clean-up program.

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Blame it on the rain



Grayson West/Spartan Daily

Wednesday El Niño reared its ugly head teasing San Jose State University's students with showers throughout the greater part of the afternoon. Many students were prepared with their umbrellas, while other students had to run to class. Forecasters predict the rest of the week will be dry.

Student interests at issue in joint library

By Susan Shaw
Staff Writer

A thumbs-up to adopt Academic Senate guidelines on the joint library was given by the San Jose State University Associated Students at Wednesday's meeting.

The guidelines, known as AS 1025, represent the position of SJSU faculty on the joint library's mission and purpose, and also cite preferences for dealing with borrowing privileges, budgeting and acquisition policies.

According to the Academic Senate guidelines,

SJSU faculty believe the library's mission should be to remain academic in its orientation and easily accessible to both students and faculty.

However, despite the majority vote, concerns were raised in the meeting that the guidelines don't go far enough to protect student interests, including accessibility of books when needed.

"Many students have raised concern that a book they want may not be available when the joint library is open," said Chris Constantin, director of intercultural affairs, who voted against adopting the Academic Senate's position.

Among Constantin's other concerns were that students may be asked to pay to make up for any

funds that have been overestimated by the university.

"They (the Academic Senate members) aren't nailing down the issues," he said. "What if they expect \$20 million and only get \$7 million? If they've overestimated the amount they're given, it doesn't matter what the guidelines say, students may have to pay for it."

Constantin went on to criticize the document as being overly broad.

Director of Academic Affairs Heather Cook said the guidelines are meant to be broad. She said

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'Fat' cats celebrate Mardi Gras in SJ

By Mindy Leigh Griser
Staff Writer

Although Mardi Gras was not being celebrated anywhere on campus, it wasn't necessary to go quite as far as New Orleans or Rio de Janeiro to take part in the festivities.

On Tuesday night, Waves Smokehouse and Saloon in San Jose hosted an authentic, Louisiana-style party, costumes and all.

People in purple, green and gold costumes were decked out in masks, feathers and beads as they participated in line dancing to the pulsating beats of southern style sounds.

The party featured a variety of Cajun Creole food and a Cajun zydeco band, which blared the traditional sounds of jazzy, upbeat New Orleans music.

A favorite beverage of Waves' celebration was the frozen hurricane made of rum, orange juice, pineapple juice and a splash of grenadine. The hurri-

cane is an authentic drink of Mardi Gras, according to Waves' owner Judy Pearson.

James Venechanos, a graphic arts major, remembers celebrating Mardi Gras in Galveston, Texas, where the second largest Mardi Gras celebration in the nation takes place every year.

"This place is happening, but Galveston was totally crazy," Venechanos said. "There were half a million people dancing around and puking in the streets."

Mardi Gras, a French phrase meaning "Fat Tuesday," comes from the custom of parading a fat ox through the streets on Shrove Tuesday, which is the day before Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of the Christian holiday Lent, a 40-day period of abstinence and sacrifice.

According to web information, the origins of Mardi Gras lie in the ancient Roman custom of merrymaking before a period of fasting.

Celebrators would eat, drink, and

carouse during Mardi Gras in an attempt to satisfy their desires prior to the abstinence observed during the season of Lent.

"We'll be too sick to eat tomorrow anyway," said Melissa Kunz, an attendee of Tuesday's celebration.

Mardi Gras in New Orleans began in 1837, the year of the first street parade. The first day of the carnival season is always Jan. 6, 12 days after Christmas. This is called the "twelfth night" and marks the beginning of the masked balls that are held until Mardi Gras Day. Mardi Gras Day, which is always "Fat Tuesday," is the last day of the carnival season.

According to the San Jose Visitor's Bureau, there were no city events planned this year in celebration of Mardi Gras.

"There really isn't very much that goes on in the Bay Area to celebrate Mardi Gras, but our party is definitely going to be a yearly event," said Pearson.



J. Edmund Niese/Spartan Daily

Employee Joel Wyrick greets patrons as they enter Waves Smokehouse and Saloon in downtown San Jose Tuesday night. "Fat Tuesday" featured Cajun Creole food and a Cajun zydeco band, which blared traditional New Orleans music.

Double standard for statutory rape laws must cease



Carol Dillon
STAFF WRITER

While the public has professed outrage about the sordid sex scandal involving Mary Kay LeTourneau and her 13-year-old paramour, there has been little fury expressed about scenarios where the roles are reversed. I am referring to the lack of legal intervention applied when teenage girls are impregnated by older men.

In the United States, one of four births are out of wedlock and almost half of those are from teenage girls, according to Planned Parenthood. Recent research shows that in two-thirds of those cases the fathers are adult men over 21 who do not pay child support. The statutory rape laws need to be enforced to provide some type of deterrent to a problem that is growing out of control.

For those not familiar with the LeTourneau case, she is the 35-year-old woman who engaged in an affair with a 13-year-old which culminated in the birth of a child. LeTourneau has been sent to prison for seven and a half years, convicted of child rape.

Men guilty of the same crime — sex with an underage female — have received little punishment until recently Planned Parenthood's latest figures show that girls in the 13 to 14-year-old age bracket are the teens most likely to have experienced coercive sex with older men.

It is only in the last year that several states, including California, have taken steps to punish men who violate the statutory rape law. These laws have been on the books in every state for decades, but were largely ignored while the public debated the effectiveness of using them.

Now many legal analysts and law enforcement officials are discovering that tougher enforcement of those laws is proving effective. Law enforcement officials are also being urged to implement programs that examine the connection between adolescent pregnancy and predatory men.

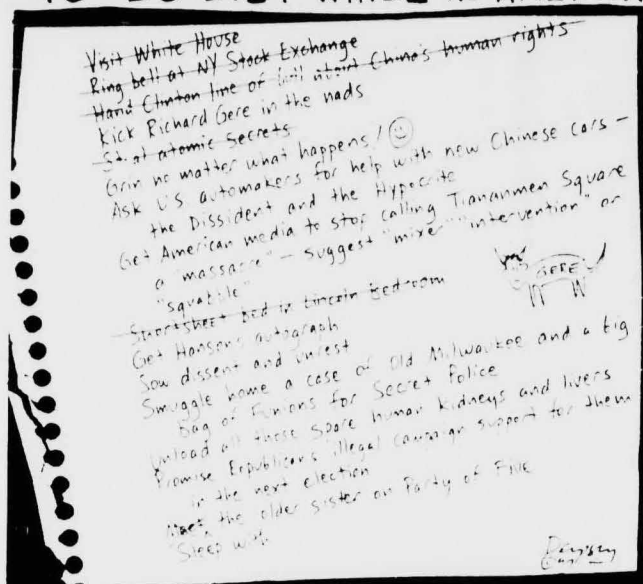
Gov. Pete Wilson has been in the forefront of those who are calling for stiff penalties for violators because California has the highest rate of under-age pregnancies in the country. Since child support is rare from the "fathers," these girls increasingly end up on welfare, costing the state billions.

Wilson has allotted \$8.4 million to hire additional personnel to work exclusively on statutory rape cases. He predicts this will send a message that there are serious consequences for adult men who impregnate minors. Some law enforcement advocates believe that incarceration of men who are convicted of the crime will have a positive impact in reducing pregnancy numbers, as many are multiple offenders.

The statutory rape laws can help serve as a deterrent if prosecutors only apply them.

Carol Dillon is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

CHINESE PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN'S TO-DO LIST WHILE IN AMERICA



Women's sport 'Sales' out on the image front

It looked like women's sports were gaining momentum. In two male-dominated sports, ice hockey and basketball, women have made pretty big strides in the past couple of years.

The upstart U.S. women's hockey team took gold in Nagano, and after a semi-successful year in the two women's professional basketball leagues, it looked like women's sports were gaining acceptance.

Then, in an incident Tuesday night that set back all of women's sports, Nykesha Sales, a University of Connecticut basketball player, injured herself in a game on Saturday just two points from breaking the school's all-time scoring record.

The injury, a torn Achilles tendon, meant that she would be unable to eclipse the record.

Of course, that would have been using the normal sports common sense. But on Tuesday night, Sales, in a circus sideshow, was allowed to break the record.

At the game's start, UConn won the tip over Villanova, and got the ball down court to Sales who simply laid the record-breaking shot.

On the next possession, Villanova was able to tie the game at two. At that point Sales was replaced and the real game started.

"It was the right thing to do," said UConn coach Geno Auriemma to an Associated Press reporter. "She never asked to score a lot of points and she never asked to break the record. It was the right thing to do for all she has done for UConn the last four years."

What's even worse is that the NCAA and the Big East signed off on the absurd scenario.

I can't believe the NCAA and others allowed this World Wrestling Federation-like game scripting to occur.

"It was the right thing to do?" You know, like recycling a Pepsi can and not mowing over old ladies at crosswalks. Sales said the injury was "unfair."



Anthony Perez
WHAT'S YOUR FRONT?

Well so is life. Get used to it.

I hope Sales gets a traffic ticket and contests it. "But judge, the ticket was unfair."

Women's sports can't afford to take a public relations hit that makes them look like they are any less legitimate than men's sports.

It sure looked that way on Tuesday because no men's Division-I school would allow that to happen.

There are many, many men out there that would like to get rid of Title IX, federal legislation that forces colleges to have an equal amount of women's and men's teams, and this incident is just fuel for them.

I have been covering high school and college sports for the past two years and I can tell you that the women want to win and are just as determined, if not more so, than men.

In my nearly 100 articles written on women's games I haven't seen a dunk, but that doesn't make the games any less competitive.

The women who play sports didn't deserve what happened Tuesday.

Records are meant to be broken competitively on the field like Hank Aaron surpassing Babe Ruth for all-time home runs and on the court like Kareem Abdul-Jabbar outscoring Wilt Chamberlain for the most points ever.

Following the Big East's example, maybe the Western Athletic Conference would like to toss the San Jose State University men's basketball team a bone ... er, win.

The Spartans have gone winless in the WAC. Haven't they suffered enough?

Why don't we have SJSU play with the entire bench on the floor and only allow San Diego State University to use two players today?

It would be the right thing to do.

Anthony Perez is the Spartan Daily assistant sports editor. His column appears from time to time.

Sports hero makes mark on world; role model to emulate

I wanna be like Mike. I really do. Michael Jordan, undoubtedly the best basketball player to ever grace a court, is showing that his people skills are of the same caliber as his basketball techniques.

He's doing that by helping others who are less fortunate, and doing it on a regular basis.

Here's a perfect example: Nike, the athletic ware company made more popular by its affiliation with Jordan, has recently come under fire for possibly having connections with overseas sweatshops. Human rights, women's and labor groups have targeted Nike because of that possible affiliation, and that has left Jordan in a rough situation. Or has it?

Jordan already announced that he's going to Asia after the basketball season to see if the conditions these groups are protesting really do exist in the Nike factories. It's apparent that he's not going to let this slide past him.

How common is that among superstar athletes? My hope is that if he does encounter substandard conditions, he will use his influence to make changes. Imagine what would happen if Jordan threatened to stop endorsing Nike. I think the company known for its "Swoosh" would make changes faster than the blink of an eye.

His future trip to Asia is just one example of his willingness to help others. Some pro athletes aren't even concerned with anything more than themselves.

He's also involved in charities that directly help communities and people in need. The Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Classic has raised over \$1 million for Ronald McDonald Houses of North Carolina.

In 1996, Jordan committed \$1 million to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where the Jordan Institute for Families was founded as a part of the School of Social Work. The institute helps solve problems faced by families such as drug abuse, teenage pregnancy and poverty.

It is nice to know that there are millionaire athletes out there trying to make a difference.

Unfortunately, there are some athletes in professional sports who neither serve as role models nor as community leaders. It is sad when young fans look up to athletes, only to hear on the news that they were arrested for drug possession, drunk driving, domestic violence or gun possession.

Perhaps these athletes do not understand that without fans and community support their pocketbooks would be a lot thinner.

On a brighter note, role models like Jordan exist in the world of professional sports, not only for fans of all ages, but also for other athletes. Jordan should be adored by others, not only for his athletic achievements, but also for his humanitarian efforts, which will hopefully continue long after he retires from basketball.

Yvette Anna Trejo is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

In college athletics, Knight does not make right

Indiana University head basketball coach Bobby Knight was ejected in the Hoosiers' 82-72 loss to the Illinois Illini Tuesday night.

So what, you say. Knight has gone too far for too long and it's time IU put its foot down and ushered him out the back door.

"It was in the heat of battle," or "He was justified because the officials made the wrong call," are some of the absurdly lame excuses for this tyrant of the hardwood.

His lack of class is becoming a tired act.

The boorish, pompous attitude displayed by Knight is nothing new. His antics on the court have long been criticized.

He has thrown chairs onto the court in a childish fit of anger, slapped his players — one of whom was his own son — and had numerous recruits quit just days or weeks after coming into the program.

Indiana administrators have been doing

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damage control for years using the rationales that he wins and he graduates players.

This isn't enough.

Closer to home, the Spartans are in the midst of a horrible season.

But while they might not learn a lick about what it feels like to win, they will learn what it's like to be honorable and dignified.

SJSU coach Stan Morrison didn't win any NCAA championships, but he carried himself with a dignity and self respect that is exemplary to all who have come in contact with him.

This raises the \$64,000 question: Do you sacrifice everything academia stands for,

just to put a few banners up in the gymnasium?

The answer is a resounding "no."

If winning means prostituting the principles of higher education, we think being a loser is where it's at.

Winning at any cost is not really winning. The respect gained through intimidation will not be genuine. Basically the ends don't justify the means.

Bobby Knight's players might have the opportunity to go to the Big Dance year-after-year, but do they leave school with what it takes to survive in the real world?

When players leave Stan Morrison's program, they won't have any championship rings or banners in their honor, but they will have learned what it means to respect yourself and those around you. And that's what we are in college for, right?

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GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL ALLIANCE

Meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Guadalupe Room. For more information, call Juan Ramos at (408) 456-5058.

JAPAN CLUB

General meeting, new members welcome at 2 p.m. in Sweeney Hall, Room 344. For more information, contact Judy: tamachan@pacbell.net.

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Album of the Year — Time Out of Mind, Bob Dylan
Song of the Year — Sunny Came Home, Shawn Colvin
Best New Artist — Paula Cole
Best Female Pop Vocal — Building a Mystery, Sarah McLachlan
Best Male Pop Vocal — Candle in the Wind 1997, Elton John
Best Female Rock Vocal — Criminal, Fiona Apple
Best Male Rock Vocal — Cold Irons Bound, Bob Dylan
Best Hard Rock Performance — The End is the Beginning is the End, Smashing Pumpkins
Best Alternative — OK Computer, Radiohead
Best R & B Album — Baduizm, Erykah Badu
Best Country Album — Unchained, Johnny Cash
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Labor unions must have political voice

After reading Kevin Hecteman's opinion piece on Proposition 226 (The Anti-Employee Initiative), I felt compelled to respond.

Hecteman states that he believes in what unions have done for employees as far as workplace representation and health benefits, but thinks they step over the line when they engage in political action.

Does he honestly believe unions could have gotten any protections for employees without a political voice?

In 1996, for example, unions put Proposition 210 on the ballot and won a 35% increase in the minimum wage after 10 years of wage stagnation.

As he admits in his column, union members already have the right to not pay the political action portion of their dues.

But then, that is not what Proposition 226 is really about. It is important to understand who the backers of this initiative are and their intentions.

The majority of them are out-of-state millionaire Republican ideologues whose goal is to deny unions political access, thereby enabling them to make assaults on worker protections such as minimum wage, prevailing wage regulations, reducing worker's compensation benefits, attacking workplace safety and health regulations.

Grover Norquist of Washington, D.C., head of Americans for Tax Reform, has stated that he aims to "crush labor unions as a political enemy."

Patrick Rooney, a millionaire insurance executive, has given \$49,000 to this initiative, as well as millions to school voucher plans across the country.

More information about who is behind this initiative is available on the web at www.defeat-prop226.org.

Marc Beck
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The Olympics are over; get on with life

Does it matter whether or not Tara Lipinski won the gold medal and Michelle Kwan did not?

I certainly do not think so. I really do not care that Tara Lipinski did the looped the loop to beat Michelle Kwan.

Big deal. Is Tara going to save the world because she won the Gold

medal, and is the world going to become a better place because she is the youngest Olympic gold medalist?

Not. The Olympics are highly overrated, and besides, who really cares anymore?

The Olympics are over, so if you want to talk about something, then deal with issues

that matter, not what has happened in the past.

I know sometimes we have nothing to say so we say what is on our minds, but please, don't you think the Lipinski-Kwan saga is old news?

I think so.

Judy Cho
sociology

Jokes for the Day

A man says to another man, "Can you tell me how to get to Central Park?" The guy says no. "All right," says the first, "I'll mug you right here."

Two guys are in a gym, and one is putting on a girdle. "Since when have you been wearing a girdle?" says his friend. "Since my wife found it in the glove compartment of our car."

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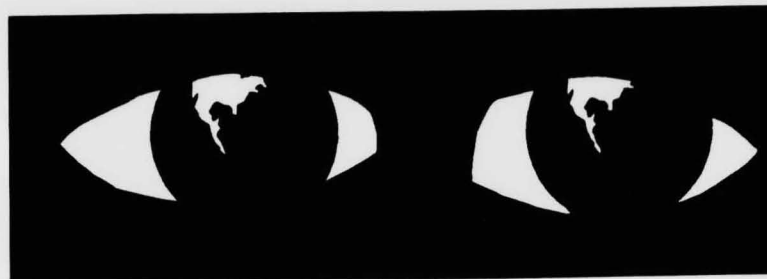
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Up & Coming

Your guide to movies, concerts and events for the coming week. Enjoy

Saturday, Feb. 28 — Yanni, otherwise known as Yawni, the man with the cop mustache and the magical fingers on the piano, comes to The New Arena in Oakland. Those die-hard fans of new age music who sit on the edge of their seats waiting for the new John Tesh album may want to check out this stud.

Saturday, Feb. 28 — Beavis' favorite band, Judas Priest, comes to the Warfield in San Francisco looking for converts. The boys in the band promise not to play any of their songs backward, saving you the embarrassing situation of being brainwashed and later dying by your own hand. Keep an eye out for thirtysomething, ex-high school potheads with something to prove. This is an all ages show but don't bring anyone with a weak mind, as they are the easiest to mold.

Saturday, Feb. 28 — The Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk is sponsoring the 16th Annual Clam Chowder Cook Off. Admission is free but those seafood connoisseurs who actually want a taste of the slippery little mollusks will have to shell out \$5. For that price, you're guaranteed to never want to taste clam chowder again.

Saturday, Feb. 28 — Ska fans should find a ride and hop over the hill to Palookaville. The Siren Six, Blind Spot, Jeffries Fan Club and Punch the Clown will all be churning out some serious ska for your listening pleasure. It's a 16-and-over show, so impress all the little Gwen wannabes with your car.

Saturday, Feb. 28 through Sunday, March 1 — The 1998 San Jose Gasshuku Masters Seminar will be at the SJSU Event Center. There's no explanation of what "gasshuku" means, but it must have something to do with kicking ass because it bills itself as an intensive martial arts training camp. Thirty-four different martial arts instructors will be there giving demonstrations and teaching you how to beat your little brother into submission without even breaking a sweat. Make a mental note to not pick any fights with anyone hanging out by the Event Center on those days.

Sunday, March 1 — The Space Monkeys land at The Edge in Palo Alto to support their debut album, "The Daddy of Them All." These four guys from across the pond in Manchester, England, are apparently a blend of the Beastie Boys without the creativity and Oasis without the unbrows.

Monday, March 2 — Chumbawamba, the band with the weirdest name in music today, will attempt to blow up the Warfield in San Francisco. Does anyone remember EMF? They were one-hit wonders, too. Go to this show, give it a listen and try and figure out the odds of Chumbawamba ever being heard on the radio again.

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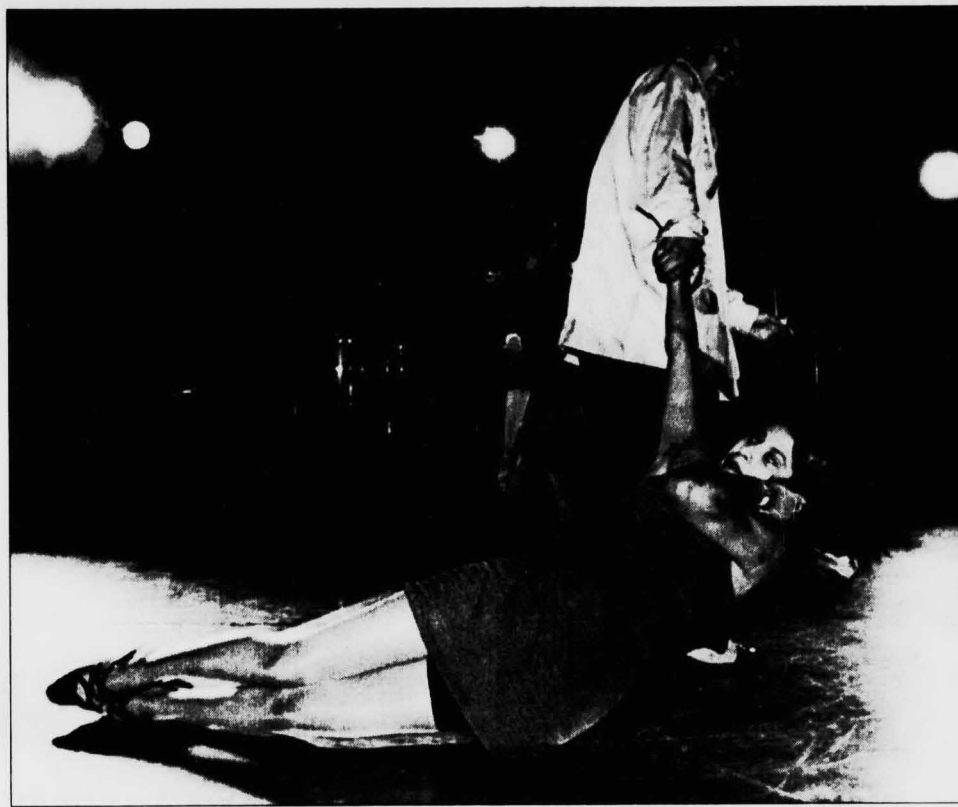
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Hot 'salsa' burns SJ



Jeann Carlo and Yolanda Diaz perform in the third round of the Salsa Si Puedes competition. Their routine, filled with lifts and dips, landed them a second place out of 12 couples.

By Mark Gomez
Staff Writer

The sexy and seductive moves of salsa danced into downtown San Jose Sunday night.

The Mexican Heritage Corporation of San Jose and the San Jose Jazz Society hosted Salsa Si Puedes, a salsa dance festival at the San Jose Civic Auditorium.

Nearly 150 people attended the event that featured lessons, a dance contest and the opportunity to be introduced to a music and dance unfamiliar to many.

"I'm having a great time," said SJSU alumnus Joe Dominguez, as he took a break from practicing the steps he had just learned. "It's the first time I've come out to learn."

Music was provided by the Orquesta Gitano from Santa Cruz, playing songs with an upbeat tempo that kept the dance floor crowded most of the evening.

Leading the instruction was Juan Cabral, who showed the beginners some basic steps. Cabral said one reason people find salsa interesting is that it allows them the excitement of dancing with a partner.

"As a teacher, I had a very nice group of people,"

The idea of hosting a salsa festival came about from brainstorming between the two sponsors, said Monica Gomez, director of community relations for the Mexican Heritage Corporation and a 1996 SJSU graduate.

"It's our first time doing this,"

Gomez said. "We hope to make it an annual event. With the turnout, we hope to make it bigger and bigger."

Jennifer Oliver, a SJSU dance minor, attended the event as part of an international dance class assignment.

"It's cool," Oliver said, adding that she had never tried to salsa. "That's why I came, to learn salsa dance."

Gomez said the main focus of the Mexican Heritage Corp. is the building of a 6-acre cultural center, designated to be built in the spring of 1999 on Alum Rock and King roads. The \$1 million Mexican Cultural Heritage Gardens and Plaza will feature a central garden, 500-seat theater and 2,000-square-foot gallery.

"Our proceeds go directly to the cultural center," Gomez said.

'Tokyo Fist' pulls no punches

By Susan Shaw
Staff Writer

Some movies are meant to be artistic statement, some are meant to be pure entertainment, others try to be both and the combination fails. Tokyo Fist is one of the others.

It takes a personality accustomed to video game-style gore and action sequences to be entertained by this film. And it takes living in Japan to understand what this movie may or may not say about living in modern Japanese society.

Tokyo Fist, which was released in Japan in 1995, is the latest movie from Japanese movie director, Shinya Tsukamoto who brought cult movie fans the two "Tetsuo (The Iron Man)" installments.

In addition to directing and providing cinematography and art direction, he frequently stars in his movies.

Tsukamoto's themes are

familiar to any moviegoer who has seen a "Terminator" movie: the intrusion of machines into people's lives and their potential to replace them. In the case of the two Iron Man films, the lead character becomes a metaphor by becoming a machine.

There are also many existentialist themes at work in Tsukamoto's films, and this concept becomes clear in the first 10 minutes of "Tokyo Fist."

The lead character, Tsuda, played by Tsukamoto, is a Tokyo insurance salesman who walks, robot-like and expressionless, through his life and his dull job.

Both Tsuda and his live-in girlfriend Hizuru are very clean-cut and "normal." However, events take a turn for the worse with the arrival of Tsuda's school

REVIEW



friend Kojima, a professional boxer.

The changes brought by Kojima's appearance are subtle, beginning with Tsuda's jealousy of the attraction between his girlfriend and Kojima.

The results are predictable: his jealousy pushes Hizuru into Kojima's arms and Tsuda decides to become a boxer.

Kojima has become a catalyst for change in both their lives — Tsuda ventures into the violent

L.A. Confidential; Oscar's 'dark' horse

By Sharon Parks
Staff Writer

They kill, steal and cheat — they are the cops of L.A. Confidential.

This is an epic story about the hidden workings of a big city police force. Set in Los Angeles in the '50s, L.A. Confidential is a powerfully dark movie about organized crime and police corruption.

The story begins with three Los Angeles cops. Bud White (Russell Crowe) is a detective with good intentions and a vicious temper, who may not be as stubborn as everyone else, even though he thinks he is.

Ed Exley (Guy Pearce) is a young lieutenant trying to be an honest cop, which doesn't stop him from manipulating police politics to his advantage.

Hollywood Jack (Kevin Spacey) is the department's glamour cop, an advisor to a TV cop show, intimate with city vice and corruption.

The three cops get drawn into the murder of six people in an all-night coffee shop. The investigation leads them into a world of politics, organized crime, big money,

racism and murder.

Other cast members include Sid Hodgeons (Danny DeVito) a scummy tabloid journalist who feeds on celebrities, and Lynn Bracken (Kim Basinger) who portrays a high-class call girl.

It's dark stuff, good and dark. A sort of police force Pulp Fiction.

This is a great movie full of excitement and action, gross violence, slick style, saucy humor, tender moments, macho leading men and seductive women. The plot is full of double-crosses and bad choices enmeshed with a captivating, energetic thrill.

The cinematography is great and both the cast and story are on the dark side.

The performances are excellent and the characters juicy. If you like tough crime stories with no punches pulled, L.A. Confidential is the movie to see.

It is rated R for the violence, profanity, sex and nudity.

L.A. Confidential is up for a best picture Academy Award. In addition, director Curtis Hanson is up for best director and Kim Basinger has been nominated for best supporting actress.



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Baseball has been very good to me

"I'm born again there's new grass on the field" — John Fogerty "Center field"

I haven't played the song yet, but I will tomorrow. It is a ritual I have at the beginning of every baseball season. I don't listen to it any other time of the year except when the "Boys of Summer" are playing.

For me, the long cold winter is finally over. I don't care what Punxatawney Phil says, when spring training starts in the Cactus and Grapefruit leagues, life begins again.

I am a football and basketball fan, don't get me wrong, but they are merely a way to kill time in between baseball seasons.

However, with everything good in life, there is inevitably some bad. Baseball is no exception. I love the game and I love the Giants, but I cringe just thinking about the American League.

Real baseball, the National League version, is played with nine men on each side, not the atrocity the junior circuit chooses to play. Why is the senior circuit better than its American League counterpart? Let's go around the diamond:

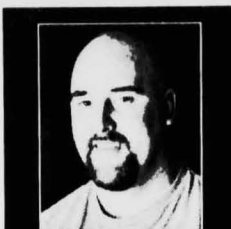
- No designated hitter. Real baseball is played with nine men per side, not 10. Rec-league softball is played with 10. If you can't field a position, then you have no right pulling a major league paycheck. Cecil Fielder isn't a real baseball player, he's a circus freak who happens to be able to hit.

- Pitching. As long as the National's have pitchers like Greg Maddux, John Smoltz, Curt Schilling, Kevin Brown and Darryl Kile, the quality of baseball will be better. About the only thing the AL has going for it is Randy Johnson, who seems like he could break down at any moment, and Roger Clemens — but how long can he keep pulling career years out of thin air? Sorry to burst your bubble Red Sox fans, but Pedro Martinez will not thrive in a league that doesn't let pitchers come in tight and has pitchers that throw a steady diet of off-speed junk.

- No DH. Eddie Murray is a great player and a definite Hall-of-Famer, but he should have been out of baseball years ago. All the DH does is allow past-their-prime players who can only swing the lumber a chance to pad their stats and increase their chances of making it to Cooperstown.

- Ken Caminiti. OK, my wife made me put that one in there. Now that Darren Daulton has retired, she thinks he is the best looking player in the bigs. Plus he is a San Jose State University alum, so he's all right in my book.

- The style of play. In the American league, the strategy is based loosely on the old Earl Weaver specials. Weaver believed in pitching that could keep you in the ballgame, while you waited for the



Aaron Williams

DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE

big hit, usually a three-run home run. There is no bunting the runner over, manufacturing of runs and none of the "shall I pull my pitcher for a pinch hitter" in the late inning dilemmas.

- The big names. Barry Bonds, Piazza, Caminiti, Moises Alou and Sammy Sosa all know what it took Mark McGuire years to figure out — you get better looks in the NL. The steady diet of curveballs is murder for a true hitter. With a strong dose of fastballs and sliders, McGuire will shatter Roger Maris' home run mark.

- Small market teams actually have a chance to win and can survive in today's escalating baseball economy. The Pittsburgh Pirates proved this by competing for the Central Division title until the last week of the season last year. Granted it was in the weakest division in the NL, but with a payroll hovering around what Bonds makes alone, not a bad job. The Montreal Expos have not only been a farm system to the rest of Major League Baseball, but have been competitive while doing so.

- No DH. I don't buy this argument that a pitcher hitting is an automatic out. All through school the best athletes, the ones who can do it all, are pitchers. Giants pitcher Shawn Estes had a batting average of .400 in high school and could hit the cover off the ball. Since pitchers only play every four days, it stands to reason that they don't get as many at bats, and anyone who knows baseball would have to agree that hitting is all about seeing pitches. If you still don't buy the argument that pitchers are better athletes than designated hitters, put either Estes or Fielder in center field and honestly tell me who would shag the most flies. That's what I thought.

- Finally, The Rivalry — Giants vs. Dodgers. In sports, there is no greater feud than SF/LA. It is a storied rivalry spanning several generations. Bobby Thompson's "Shot Heard 'Round the World," the move West from New York, the Joe Morgan home run in 1982, Jack Clark's, then a St. Louis Cardinal, home run off Tom Niedenfuer in the '85 playoffs, all the championships for the Bums and the Juan Marichal/Johnny Roseboro bat incident put this rivalry in a category by itself.

Maybe if Boston had done something in the past, oh 75 years, could the New York/Beantown war be considered.

About the only thing the AL has going for it is Junior Griffey. Put him in an NL uniform and there is no telling how many records he would shatter.

Either way, NL or AL, it's time to play ball again. "Put me in coach, I'm ready to play."

Aaron Williams is the Spartan Daily Sports Editor. His column appears from time to time.

Spartan Shorts

Softball

San Jose State University softball finally got under way Wednesday. The Spartans, who were the last team in the Western Athletic Conference to actually play a game, split a doubleheader with the Sacramento State Hornets. Sac State took the first game 4-1, on a three-run home run in the bottom of the seventh. Softball games only go seven innings.

The teams were tied 0-0,

heading into the seventh inning. In the top of the seventh, SJSU pushed a run across with a sacrifice fly from Anita Conner.

But the lead and the game were short lived. In the bottom of the inning the Hornets scored a run tying the game and before the game-winning home run.

The Spartans bounced back in the second game, jumping out to a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning on a two-out RBI double by Jennifer Ellinger and a RBI single by

Lindsay Lewis. The Hornets tied the game up in the bottom half of the inning.

The Spartans added two in the sixth and one in the seventh to give them the cushion they would need.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Hornets struck for two but fell short as the Spartans slammed the door to earn their first victory of the year.

The Spartans play Utah at SJSU field Sunday at noon.

New museum showcases nothing but sports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tim McDonough leaned over the basketball display case, and the memories came back.

"I remember the UCLA streak," he said, nodding at a jersey worn by Lew Alcindor in 1968. "A lot of this stuff is part of my growing up."

McDonough is a 46-year-old sports fan from Leesburg, Va. At the other end of the hall, he can turn a knob and listen to Howard Cosell tell a Monday night football audience that John Lennon had been shot.

McDonough's 10-year-old son, Patrick, is too young to remember Cosell or the Beatles. And, besides, he's too busy finishing a putt on an interactive golf game.

The National Sports Gallery, Washington's newest museum, opens Thursday after a two-month preliminary run. It is located inside the new \$200 million MCI Center that houses the Washington Wizards and Capitals and is just across the street from the National Portrait Gallery.

The museum is an eclectic mix of super-size interactive sports games and memorabilia displays aimed at satisfying fans of all stripes.

"We wanted to attract the young people by playing the interactives," said curator Frank Ceresi, who left a judgeship in family court in Arlington, Va., to

become the museum's curator. "And then get them learning the history of the sports."

While most of the gallery's visitors are attracted to the games — some wait as long as 20 minutes to pay \$3 to play a short interactive version of H-O-R-S-E with Wizards star Chris Webber — the few who do spend some time at the 20 or so display cases find plenty to hold their attention.

"That's worth about a half-million dollars," Ceresi said, pointing to a 1910 Honus Wagner baseball card. "Certainly, it is the Mona Lisa of the baseball collectible world."

The card is treasured because Wagner insisted that the American Tobacco Company card be pulled from the market soon after it was printed. Legend has it the shortstop objected to being associated with tobacco, but the card's owner, collector Bill Mastro of Palos Park, Ill., said Wagner had a more traditional motivation.

"The truth is, he wasn't paid," said Mastro, adding there are only about a dozen or so of the Wagner cards in collectible condition in existence. "He was the first major league baseball player who was paid for the use of his name associated with any product. If he wasn't paid for the use of his image on a baseball card by a cigarette company, he

probably would have sued them."

All of the museum's items are on loan from collectors — except for a genuine Babe Ruth bat from 1926-29. A hole in the display case allows fans to touch the same handle the Bambino would have grasped while swatting his way into the record books.

The only existing bat signed by Joe Jackson and a full display on the Negro Leagues are just part of the baseball section. Football, basketball, boxing, hockey, golf and soccer are also featured. A photo exhibit featuring Muhammad Ali — on loan from the Smithsonian — is alone worth the \$4 price of admission (minus the interactive games) for any boxing fan.

The gallery contains the American Sports Hall of Fame, where the voices of Cosell, Red Barber, Mel Allen and others come alive for a few seconds. Oddly, the Harry Caray sound bite doesn't include a "Holy cow!" and there's no "Whoa, Nellie!" from Keith Jackson.

Ceresi hopes the gallery will become a popular field trip for area schools, right up there with the Smithsonian and the city's other attractions.

"There's room for education in all fields," Ceresi said. "Sports is a common bond we've had in our country."

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March 21 to April 20

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Taurus

April 21 to May 20

You've had a roving eye lately. Yeah, we know: "Just because you're on a diet doesn't mean you can't look at the menu," but, honey, you are coming very close to being a full-fledged glutton. Reign in those desires and impulses. Famous Taurian: Dale Earnhardt.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Lately you feel like you are falling behind. Well, my friend, you are the tortoise, as opposed to the hare. So take heart — it's the slow and steady plodding ones that win in the life-long race. Famous Geminian: Kirk Gibson.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

You live by the theory that, while there is no "I" in the word "team," there is a "me." Cancer is the me-first sign. It's all you, all the time, baby. Sure is lonely when you're self-absorbed, isn't it? Put others first this week. Famous Cancerian: Jose Canseco.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

Roses are red
Violets are blue
I'm schizophrenic
And ... so am I.
Famous Leonian: Dorothy Hamill.

Virgo

August 23 to September 22

It's all about abstinence in the coming days. Your inner virgin is beckoning to you. Toss that chastity belt on ... it's going to be a practice in self-restraint this weekend. Good luck. Famous Virgoan: Kobe Bryant.

Libra

September 23 to October 22

Your moon has passed completely out of your sexual house, which means you need to get out and do it during the day. Isn't SJSU still a clothes-optional campus? Hmmm... Famous Libran: Mean Joe Greene.



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Scorpio

October 23 to November 22

The mouth is as powerful as the pen — and yours cuts deep. Reign in your sarcasm and put your tongue to better practices. (We meant like eating fine cuisine, sicko!) Famous Scorpion: Pelé.

Sagittarius

November 23 to December 21

No one is more giving of yourself and your time than you. Due to this, you often don't get the appreciation you deserve, but take heart, you are loved and valued. And in the coming week you will know it. Famous Sagittarian: Joe DiMaggio.

Capricorn

December 22 to January 20

You have been diagnosed as suffering from an acute case of HUB (Head Up Butt). In fact, your cabeza has been buried in your crevice for so long it's grown roots. Be cautious, however, when you pull it out ... it'll be the sound heard 'round the world. Famous Capricornian: Mark Messier.

Aquarius

January 21 to February 19

"When something wicked this way comes ..." Forget the old ghost tales of pointy hats and poisonous brews, you are attracted to the occult and all of the bewitching that goes along with it. This should come as no shock, you always have been different. Famous Aquarian: Michael Jordan.

Pisces

February 20 to March 20

You are a dreamer. You only wear rose-colored glasses. You only see the good. More power to you. Famous Piscean: Bubba Smith.

Marriage: So much to do, so little time

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ing life harder.

SJSU graduate student Joe Mariani said communication is the glue that holds his marriage together. Mariani said if you can't talk about how your spouse's day went, then your marriage won't last.

Weston makes an effort to spend time with her husband, despite a grueling schedule. She said it validates her marriage.

"Instead of going to the movies, go out and get coffee and talk," Weston said. "Communication is very important, especially when you're stressed out with school."

Sivertsen and her 12 colleagues in Counseling Services deal with a lot of relationship and marital problems. In fact, she said a lot of people get married because they hope it will help their relationship.

"I have been amazed when I see some people walk down that aisle," Sivertsen said. "What the hell are you two doing? It is clear that your relationship is tumultuous. Getting married is not the ceremonial prozac for a relationship."

There's no prozac involved in

Mariani's marriage, although there might be some caffeine.

The 34-year-old "Mr. Mom" has learned to use every second of his time. During the day, when his wife is working full time as a travel agent, he watches his son. At night he works as a waiter and takes night classes.

Mariani said the toughest aspect of his life is time management.

"It's hard studying because of the child," he said. "The day is his when he's not napping. I study when he's asleep."

When his wife comes home, Mariani has to devote some time to her. Not only is he strapped for time, but also financial problems worsen as he spends more time in school instead of working and making money. Mariani said his wife wants him to finish school faster than it is possible, so he can get a degree and use it in the job market.

In addition to not having a degree, Mariani said it is expensive for his family to live in the Santa Clara Valley. He also has to deal with the fact that a lot of travel agents have been getting laid off lately. If his wife loses her job, then Mariani doesn't know how it will affect his family.

SJSU student Raul Becerra can relate to Mariani's life.

Becerra, an administration of justice major, is working part time for a security company while his wife works full time as an administrative assistant at Intel and does the bread winning. He said she is basically supporting him with her salary.

"Right now, she's OK with it because eventually she wants to go to school when I get out of college," said Becerra, referring to his wife's desire to pursue teaching as a career.

The Becerras have reached an understanding that will allow both to complete school while still supporting each other financially.

"We decided when we got married that he would go to school, and I would work," said Becerra's wife, Alma. "For me, right now, things are going good. We're financially secure."

And for those who are finding it difficult to strike a balance between married life, school and work, Werkmeister has this advice: "Don't ignore your relationship because, in the end, it's more important than school or work."

Library: Guidelines

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that many issues about the library are still in negotiations.

Two months ago, the Associated Students established an ad-hoc committee to represent students on joint library issues.

"The idea behind the committee is to give students a voice in the process," Cook said.

Joanne Elek, director of Community Affairs for the Associated Students, who heads up the committee, said she hasn't gotten a lot of feedback on the joint library issue, and said students could be more involved.

"Considering we have a campus with 27,000 students and all the students who vote, I haven't seen anyone take the initiative to know more," she said.

Cook explained a model being discussed that would limit access for the public SJSU books, even though the two collections would be housed under one roof.

"For example, the public would have access to SJSU books, but couldn't check them out," she explained.

A letter sent to the Academic Senate on Feb. 2 about the joint library from a group calling themselves "Concerned San Jose State Students" mentioned other issues of concern.

For example, the school's books have been accumulated with state funds and student fees to support the academic purpose of the university. The books were not bought to be used by the general public.

The group also said it believes the presence of the general public, including children and the homeless, is not appropriate in an academic library and would undermine the sense of campus community.

"I guess change is scary for some people," said Elek.

Delta: Anniversary

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"The girls initially join for the social aspect, but they come away with strong leadership and communication skills," McAtee said. "This amounts to a complete college life."

McAtee believes that the popularity of sororities follows a 10-year trend.

"When I attended SJSU in 1973, the Greek system was considered the 'establishment' and to Vietnam activists we were part of the problem," McAtee said. "But then the '80s took a more positive turn and pledges increased."

McAtee believes that the Greek system may be out of favor in this decade; however the biannual rushes continue to attract students interested in a well-rounded college experience.

Committee chairperson and active member Jennifer Anderson agrees.

"For us it has been really neat to see the sorority excel," Anderson said. "The Greek system is tough at a commuter school, and I'm amazed that it's lasted this long."

Barbara McAtee is currently working with other SJSU sororities to increase pledges and assist with recruitment. "This is a unique situation," McAtee said. "We are promoting a non-competitive environment while helping each other."

An anchor, representing hope, is enshrined in cement outside the house and members frequently don this symbol on sweatshirts and jewelry.

For Anderson the anchor represents something more. "It means hope that we continue to stay here," Anderson said.

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